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10 INVENTION: METHOD FOR OPERATING A COMPUTER WITH COPY  
PROTECTION FOR USER PROGRAMS

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15 SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that  
citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form,  
copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made  
during the course of examination of the above mentioned application for United  
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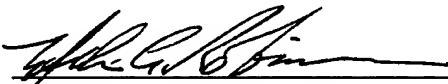
**DISCUSSION OF RELEVANCE**

Enclosed are copies of the two references cited in the International Search Report. The Examiner's attention is directed to the International Preliminary Examination Report which finds that the claimed invention meets with the three  
5 standards of patentability.

Also enclosed is a copy of German Laid Open Patent Application DE 43 21 765 A1, which was cited in the prosecution of the corresponding German application.

Favorable consideration of the present application in view of the enclosed prior art is hereby requested.

10 Respectfully submitted,



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